

Trickster Gods Across Mythologies: Lesson CHEATSHEET

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Based on: *Trickster Gods Across Mythologies: Lessons from 5 Years of Experience*

Overview

- ****Key Concepts****

Trickster God: A boundary-crosser, culture hero, and sometimes a total menace, embodying change and challenging societal norms.

Culture Hero: A figure who brings essential gifts (fire, knowledge) to humanity, often through unconventional means.

Morality of a Trickster: Ambiguous, with actions that can be both beneficial and destructive.

Chaos Catalyst: A figure who introduces disruption and forces reevaluation, often leading to change and transformation.

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Coyote: Native American trickster god associated with deception, creation, and transformation.

Hermes: Greek messenger god with a dual nature, sometimes benevolent and sometimes cunning.

Loki: Norse trickster god known for his chaotic influence and role in Ragnarok.

Anansi: African trickster spider god who weaves tales and shapes worlds through his cunning.

- ****Understanding Trickster Gods****

Reflects life: Myth often mirrors real-life experiences and societal anxieties.

Values and Anxieties: Studying trickster gods provides insight into a culture's values and fears.

Modern Media: Trickster archetypes are often reinterpreted in contemporary media, reflecting social dynamics.

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